

'Love is the Bridge'
NIV Gospel of John

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'On your Marks'
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1-49 = 50p each
50-99 = 45p each
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Prices above include p/p

LITERATURE ORDER FORM

	Quantity	£
'Love is the Bridge'
'On your Marks'
'Light & Darkness' flyers
'Rediscover the Bible'
Total		£

(Cheques to be made payable to Bridge-Builders)

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Of Wills and Legacies

We give thanks to God for a supporter of Bridge-Builders who recently left a legacy of £1000 to us in her will. Gifts such as this are invaluable to the ministry of Bridge-Builders and help us continue encouraging Christians to spread the good news of Christ. We value this support towards our mission of "enabling Christians to share their faith one-to-one". Some of this gift will be channelled towards developing relevant resources for our generation as we work towards launching a new Bridge-Builders website by Easter 2006.

Christian Research recently published results from a survey on "How Christians use their money... and why". And the Survey says...

- Evangelical Christians give nine times as much to charity as the average person in the UK.
- They care for and use their money very differently and are considerably more generous in their giving.
- They are more likely to leave a legacy to a charity or a church.

It was also found that when giving, evangelical Christians tend to favour their church and overseas charities. In particular, the priority given to "my church" has increased significantly while giving to Christian charities engaging in evangelism in the UK has fallen by almost half of what it used to be ten years ago.

In the light of these findings, we find ourselves ever more grateful for the legacy which we have just received. We are completely dependent on what God provides and yet... we are as committed as ever to evangelism in the UK. For we believe that God's plan for saving the lost in this country lies with individual Christians telling others the good news of Jesus Christ.

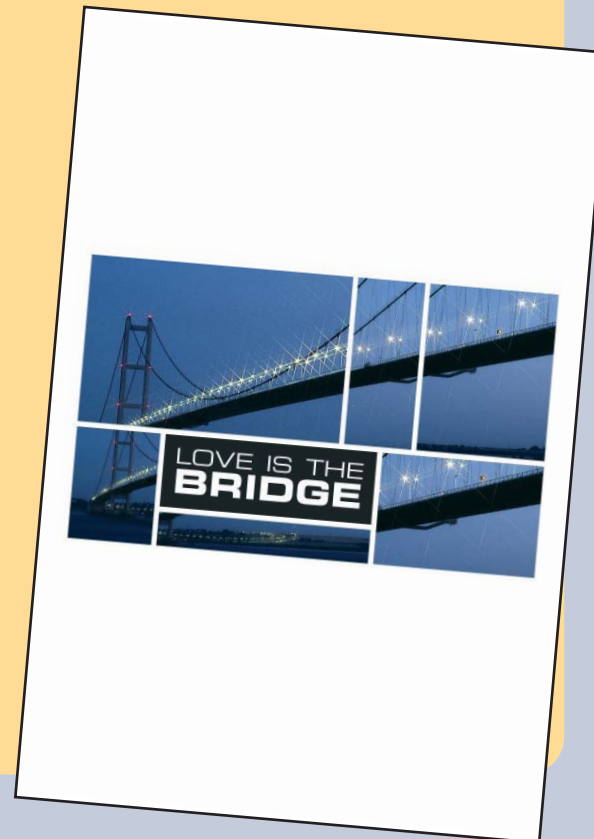
Did you know that...

Legacies are tax-free. Money that would otherwise go to the Inland Revenue could go to helping a Christian charity.

Thank you for your support

The latest edition of our John's Gospel 'Love is the Bridge' is now in stock!!

With a newly designed front cover and reworked end pages this edition is now ready for you to use in reaching others with the good news about Jesus Christ



Under Construction!

Our website is currently being redesigned and Yuli is putting in a lot of work with a new designer. This should be up and running at Easter. In the meantime a restricted website is still available at www.bridge-builders.net So - 'Watch This Space!'

Winter 2006



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When outreach is mentioned people often say to me; "All I can do is pray". The research that I carried out, into the stories of recent adult converts, leads me to suggest that prayer is of great significance. Of the 383 people, who answered a questionnaire for me I discovered that 87% of them now know of somebody who was praying for them before they became a Christian.

Some knew at the time, such as the lady whose sister told her regularly for 30 years that she was praying for her. Others have only discovered since their conversion that Christians were praying for them. One man shared how his wife hosted a Church house group in their home. He would greet people when they arrived and at the end of the evening helped serve refreshments but he went in another room and watched TV while they had their meeting. After some years he became a Christian and joined the group. One evening when they were praying for people he asked, "Did you lot pray for me before I became a Christian?" and everybody smiled and laughed.

A third of those who answered the questionnaire indicated that a Christian prayed with them before they became a Christian. My research would agree with Justyn Rees, who in his book "Love your neighbour for God's sake" says, "It is my observation that few people become Christians without somebody first praying for them." He further comments that, from his experience, "many people welcome an offer to be prayed for" and like many other writers on evangelism encourages us to pray for non-Christian friends by name. This reminded me of 1 Timothy 2 verse 1 where Paul says: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."

Bridge Builders publishes cards on which you can write the names of people for whom you are praying. This card can be placed in your Bible to remind you to pray when you have your daily devotions or put in some other place you know you will go to regularly.

These cards are part of the Bridge Builders introduction pack, which is available free of charge from the office. After sharing about prayer at a Church training day the minister asked if he could speak to me in private. He took me to the foyer and there showed me a very similar card to the one Bridge Builders offers. With a tear in his eye he said, "I produced these over a year ago and explained their use to the Church just as you have done today. Everybody thinks it is a good idea but not many people have taken one!"

From looking at the stories of converts I've come to understand that there are a variety of things for which we can pray. I would agree with Jerram Barrs, who writes in his book "The Heart of Evangelism" that we should "pray for the work of the Spirit in the hearts and minds of those around us" and "for open doors in our relationships so we will have the opportunities to make the Gospel known". However, I have one puzzling question, and that is, amid such evidence and encouragement, 'Why do I spend so little time in prayer?'

Dave Bennett



TRAINING



“How Adults become Christians”

Below is a report from a recent training event with churches held in Bedford – 5th November 2005

Bridge-Builders trainer and evangelist Dave Bennett was invited to share the results of his research on this subject with 44 Church leaders in Bedford. The day was organised jointly between Grace Community Church Kempston and Goldington Evangelical Church. The leaders came from 23 different Churches.

Dave has subsequently also delivered the training material at joint meetings of the two Churches on two Thursday's in September 2005.

Dr Ray Evans the pastor of Grace Community Church, Kempston, Bedford gives the following commendation

“I first heard Dave Bennett give his seminar at the FIEC annual conference in 2005. I knew immediately that what he was sharing was vitally important and wanted my whole church to hear. Since then he has visited us twice and now I am not the only one who is enthusiastic! But Dave's seminar is not a 'try harder' message. Instead it is full of encouragement. He describes how God is using 'normal' Christians who are willing to be friendly, who show love and practical care, who are willing to invite people they know to meetings and events, and who are willing to give Scripture away. We all can do that! By asking Dave to come to your church to share this seminar, I am sure that you will receive real uplift, renewed vision, and stronger desire to be useful to God in the task he has set his people. I very happily and heartily commend it to you.”

If you would like to invite Dave to lead a similar event at your church or group of churches then please contact him on dave@bridge-builders.net or phone him on 0151 608 1169

TEAMS

Short Term Opportunities in 2006

If you would like to join us on one of our Short Term Response in Evangelism And Mission **STREAM** teams please contact the office for more details

Fatima Portugal

8th – 15th May 2006 cost £350

Llandudno, North Wales

2nd – 11th September 2006 cost £80

Dave Bennett will also be leading a team of young people on the **Chester Tell A Tourist** campaign from 7th – 21st July. Please contact Dave direct on dave@bridge-builders.net or visit the TAT website www.tat.org.uk

TOOLS

One-to-One - Two-by-Two

Tell us how you shared the good news one-to-one and we will keep sending you gospels two-by-two.

It is really a great encouragement to the team here at 'Bridge-Builders' when we hear your stories about how you have shared your faith with others.

We remain committed to enabling you to share your faith one to one by supplying you with free gospels to give away, providing training in evangelism in and through the local church, and by providing training opportunities both in the UK working in partnership with local churches, and overseas with our Pocket Testament league colleagues.



Look out for Dave and Yuli at the 'Bridge-Builders' exhibition stand at the FIEC conference in Pwelli from 3rd – 7th April 2006. They will be on stand 27 in the exhibition area. Dave is also doing a workshop on "How to help someone you know consider Christianity". This will be on Tuesday 4th April - 4:15 – 5:30pm in T-Co.

News from Bridge-Builders.... like you!

In this edition of 'Bridge-Builders' we are focussing on your stories. We trust these will be encouragement to others to 'have a go' at sharing their faith with others. If you have any questions or feedback, do e-mail me at yuli@bridge-builders.net

“I have to say that when I first started doing this, only because I believed it was what God was asking me to do, I was terrified but now I love being out there chatting to people and being part of God's plan Once again many thanks.”

Linda

“Recently at university I had the opportunity to talk with a Muslim friend about Jesus... He took John's gospel away with him and said he would read it!”

James, Cardiff

“On a train to Scotland, we found ourselves sitting opposite to a young lady... We gave her a John's gospel. She was delighted”

Tony & Wendy, Liverpool

“I gave away a gospel to a couple I met when having lunch with a friend. The place was so busy that we ended up sharing a table...”

Carole, Chester

“I passed on a gospel to the nurse who syringed my ear this afternoon...”

Fred, Worcestershire

“One of the gospels I gave to a colleague at work who was in personal need...”

Simon, East Sussex

Prayer Focus

Sunday

Please pray for the team as they plan the year's activities. Pray for more opportunities for sharing the vision by coming alongside churches and individuals and enabling them to share their faith one to one.

Monday

Pray for Barbara and her work in the office. Pray for the parcels of gospels sent out each week by Barbara which go to all parts of the UK. At the time of writing our bookkeeper Cheryl is recovering from surgery and we pray that God will quickly restore her to full health and strength.

Tuesday

Pray for the planning of short term missions in 2006. Pray for our partners overseas especially in Spain, Portugal and India where we take short term teams.

Wednesday

Pray for the board of directors as they meet quarterly to discuss the future plans of the ministry. Pray that God will give wisdom and discernment.

Thursday

Pray for Dave Bennett as he has opportunities for training in churches in the UK. Pray for more churches to use us in helping to train their members in personal evangelism. Please pray for protection for Dave as he drives around the country. On his way home from a weekend with churches in S E England Dave had his car broken into and our laptop and video projector stolen. Dave also lost personal possessions which the insurance money will never replace.

Friday

Pray for the team in India, for whom the beginning of 2006 has seen both growth in numbers attending the newly planted churches in the North, and also increased persecution in the South. Pray for encouragement and protection. Pray for the £20,000 needed to complete the new PTL India centre and training school in Shahibabad.

Saturday

Serbia: pray for Vladimir, Jaroslav and Miroslav as they lead the work based in the KES Centre. Pray for Ondrej as he studies on sabbatical leave in the USA

Thailand: pray for Somchai and Saengthong and their campaigns and literature follow-up

Australia: pray for Stephen Downie in his role as Field Officer visiting the churches

Spain: pray for Esther in her ministry in the churches and as she plans this summer's children's outreach campaigns and the 'Evangelistic Olympics'

Your opportunity to give to the ministry of **Bridge-Builders** or order literature

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Address:

..... Postcode

I wish my gift to be channelled towards your ministry as follows:

£ UK General Fund
 £ International Ministry
 £ India
 £ Where most needed

(Cheques to be made payable to Bridge-Builders)

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- All donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise
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